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SUBJECT: SOVIET RECOVERY OF NASA/ONR SCIENTIFIC BALLOON

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- 1. NASA PLANS SEND ROCHUS E. VOGT, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS, CALTECH, PROJECT SCIENTIST, MOSCOW WEEK SEPTEMBER 3 (NOT POSSIBLE EARLIER) TO EXAMINE BALLOON EQUIPMENT AND SELECT SALVAGE-ABLE COMPONENTS FOR RETURN US. VOGT WILL BE BRIEFED BY ONR ON TRANSPORTATION DETAILS. WILL INFORM EXACT TRAVEL PLANS WHEN KNOWN. REQUEST CONFIRMATION ABOVE ARRIVAL PERIOD ACCEPTABLE BOTH EMBASSY AND SOVIET AUTHORITIES.
- 2. VOGT, RESIDENT ALIEN IN US, TRAVELS ON WEST GERMAN PASSPORT.
 WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS HAVE SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON
 AUTHORIZED ISSUE VISA FOR VOGT. REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT EMBASSY
 CAN MEET VOGT ON ARRIVAL AND ACCOMPANY DURING STAY. ASSUME EMBASSY
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CAN PROVIDE INTERPRETER. HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUESTED

THROUGH INTOURIST.

- 3. AFTER VOGT SELECTS EQUIPMENT FOR RETENTION, SOVIETS SHOULD BE GIVEN RECEIPT AND AUTHORITY DISPOSE OF REMAINDER. REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF SOVIETS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED, BELIEVE UNDESIRABLE ADDRESS QUESTION UNLESS SOVIETS RAISE IT. SIMILIARY, SEE NO NEED ADDRESS QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC FORMALITIES UNLESS RAISED BY SOVIETS.
- 4. DR. NAUGLE, NASA ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR SPACE SCIENCE CABLED APPRECIATION SOVIET EFFORTS TO PETROV. NASA ALSO CONSIDERING POSSIBLE LETTER FROM FLETCHER TO KELDYSH.
- 5. FYI. FILM NOT DEVELOPED ON BALLOON. END FYI. ROGERS

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